



Steam Mills Primary

08.11.2024



Dear Parents/Carers

Drop and Go

Please could we remind Parents/Carers that Drop and Go operates from 8:40am. If children are dropped earlier, they will be sent to Breakfast Club and a charge will be made for their care. Thank you.

Parent/Carer Checklist

It would be helpful if Parents/Carers could run through a daily checklist before school, to ensure that your child/ren are ready for the school day. This would reduce the amount of phone calls home the school has to make and also reduce anxieties for your child/ren. The school expects the older children to start taking responsibility for some of these things themselves. As an example:

- Lunch booked or packed lunch from home
- Drink bottle
- PE kit or swimming kit when needed
- Homework
- Reading book
- Correct uniform and coat

Xmas 4 Schools

If you have ordered items from Xmas 4 Schools, items will be ready to collect from the school office from this afternoon. Thank you.

Whole School Panto – 4th December

FoSM are looking for parent/carer volunteers to help with the Panto Trip. If you are interested in helping, please email admin@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk; priority will be given to FoSM Members/Helpers and then, if necessary, names will be pulled from a hat and you will be informed. Thank you.



Reading Café

The Reading Café will be running again on **Thursday 14th November**, this particular Café is by invite only; selected children should have received an invitation in their bookbags earlier this week. This is a lovely opportunity to spend time sharing and talking about books with your child; along with refreshments.

Teams 4 U

The school is taking part in the Teams 4 U shoebox charity collection once again this



Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2024

2nd September-20th December

Half Term

28th October-1st November

Spring term 2025

6th January-11th April

Half Term

17th-21st February

Summer Term 2025

28th April-21st July

Half Term

26th May - 30th May

INSET days:

6th January, 11th April and 21st July

Diary Dates (incl. Federation November activities)

11th Remembrance Day

12th Class 4 Trip to Bletchley Park

14th Reading Café by invite only

15th Children in Need – non-uniform wear something spotty

Teams 4 U Shoebox collection

22nd FoSM Christmas Wreath making from 4:30pm

27th One Day Creative Fire of London Workshop – Class 2 and Woodside

29th FoSM Non-school Uniform Day – items for Christmas Fayre Tombola

December

4th Whole school Panto

9th KS1 Christmas Play Rehearsal

10th Pre-school trip to Christmas Show

11th KS1 Christmas Play Performances for parents 9:30am and 5:00pm

12th Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

18th Christingle Service at Church – 2pm for Classes 2-4 only

19th Christmas Parties

20th Carol Service & End of Term 2

January

6th Inset Training Day

7th Start of Term

22nd Rags 2 Riches Collection

year. All children should have brought home a leaflet which gives all the information needed. The charity is happy to accept complete shoebox donations or separate items that would be suitable. Please could all donations be handed in by **Thursday 14th November 2024**. Thank you. You can find more information here: <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal/>

Children in Need – Friday 15th November

We will be celebrating Children in Need on Friday 15th November with a non-school uniform day and, if possible, by wearing something spotty! We have limited amounts of Pudsey Ears (£2.50) and Pudsey Wristbands (£1) to purchase on the day, if children would like to support the charity. No other donation is required for this day.



Staff Vacancies

We currently have a couple of vacancies; one for a Cleaner/Midday Supervisor and another separate Midday Supervisor role to be part of our team here at Steam Mills. If you are interested in either of these roles please contact Miss Agg, more information can be found on our website here: https://www.steammillprimary.co.uk/website/current_vacancies/431324

Class Snippets - (Article 28- children have the right to an education. Article 29- Education should develop a child's talents, personalities and beliefs)

Pre-School – we hope you all had a lovely week off for the half term break! We have had a very busy week back, engaging in lots of firework talk and arts and crafts and touching on why we may be seeing people wearing poppies. We have created firework pictures by rolling marbles in paint, using bright and colourful dabbers, using the ends of tubes cut up to create a firework effect and flicking elastic bands covered in paint. We have touched on Remembrance Day and why we may see people wearing the poppy flower around us. There is a very sweet small cartoon that we have been watching too - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv_ub7Be7oA

We have had music with Rosie where we met Katy the Kantele and Heather has been in towards the end of the week completing some work experience with us. We have also been creating large train tracks, roleplaying with small figures, bikes and scooters (when it's been dry!) and lots more fun!

Class 1 – this week the children have been learning about Guy Fawkes, and thoroughly enjoyed acting out the gun powder plot. They have also enjoyed learning about Remembrance Day and have been writing letters to fallen soldiers. Sounds this week are f,ff,l,ll,ss and HFW's are 'he, she, me, we, be, of'.

Class 2 - this week we have begun our history unit on the Great Fire of London. So far, we have learnt that in 1666 there was a very big fire in London. We have discussed what the houses were made of at that time and how the fire started. The children role played what they could do to get someone's attention if there was a fire. The year 1s have learnt the ea (ee) and ea (silent a) sounds in phonics and the year 2s have learnt y(i) and ai sounds. In maths, both year groups have begun a unit on addition.



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Callie - for showing perseverance and resilience when creating 'fireworks' using new techniques.
Aurora - for engaging in any activities, expressing her own ideas.

Class 1

Zachary - his growing confidence in his learning.
Tobiasz - for his enthusiasm in phonics.
Star readers - Joseph and Benjamin

Class 2

Lewis and Theo - amazing writing about London in the past and present.

Class 3

Winnie - for meeting all challenges with a positive attitude.
Isla D - for trying her best in maths.

Class 4

Elsa - for a positive, bright attitude towards learning.
Frankie - for enthusiasm and effort in maths.

Class 3 have had a great 1st week back. They have been reading a new book in Guided Reading called *The Carnival of Animals*: poetry collection and performed poems based on different animals. They thought carefully about how to use their voices/sound effects to portray the animal. In maths, they have all moved onto multiplication and division, been working hard to use bar models to divide, and number lines to count in 3s and 4s for the Y3s, and 6s and 9s for the Y4s. Please remember to use TTRocks at home to rehearse times table facts. We have had a busy week selling poppies and I am impressed with the children's maturity when supporting peers to buy their merchandise.

Class 4 have had a lovely first week back - the children have been celebrated this week via pebbles, silvers or class stars for their efforts and learning attitudes. We have kicked off November non-fiction month with a special box of books and three children are selected daily to choose one to take home, which they have been very excited about. In Science, we have started to learn more about forces and the children were very engaged in this and in History this week, they were secret agents and had to crack a code with a Caesar Cipher; this was in readiness for their trip to Bletchley Park next week, which they are very excited about.

FoSM Christmas Wreath Making – 22nd November

Please don't forget to return your order slip!



***Free**
FIRST AID FOR PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS & GUARDIANS

Learn basic first aid skills, including how to deal with:
Choking
Foreign objects
Allergic reactions
Childhood conditions

Following this course you may progress to:
• Further learning
• Employment
• Volunteering

COURSE DETAILS:
FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2024
10:30AM - 1:00 PM
CANDL 31 MARKET STREET, CINDERFORD, GL14 2RT
KAREN.STILES@GLOUCESTERSHIRE.GOV.UK
01452 583452 / 07748 933849

*Adults must be aged 19 or over; have lived in the UK for 3 years or longer; qualified below a Level 2 (less than 5 GCSEs); or earning below £25,000.00 per year.

***Free**
EMPLOYABILITY COURSE

Join us on this 6 week course and increase your employment prospects, learn:

- Build confidence to apply for work
- Build a list of your skills and achievements
- Start looking for jobs/volunteering online
- Learn how to create your own CV
- Get confident with interview skills

Following this course you may progress to:
• Further learning
• Employment
• Volunteering

COURSE DETAILS:
THURSDAYS 14TH NOVEMBER - 19TH DECEMBER 2024
9:30AM - 12:00 PM
CANDL 31 MARKET STREET, CINDERFORD, GL14 2RT
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***Free**
6-WEEK CHRISTMAS HAMPER IDEAS - FOR ADULTS WITH CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE

During this course you will learn how to make a variety of items that can be added together to create a Christmas themed hamper to keep and enjoy, or give away as gifts!

Spaces must be booked in advance to allow time for the tutor to get resources needed for the session.
*If you are not eligible to attend for free, you may be asked to pay a fee of £5 per session.

Following this course you may progress to:
• Further learning
• Employment
• Volunteering

COURSE DETAILS:
TUESDAYS 12TH NOVEMBER - 17TH DECEMBER 2024
12:30PM - 2:30PM
CANDL 31 MARKET STREET, CINDERFORD, GL14 2RT
TO CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY AND RESERVE A SPACE PLEASE CONTACT LESLEY.ANDREW@GLOUCESTERSHIRE.GOV.UK

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As always, please do let us know if you have any questions or queries. We do also encourage parents/carers to let us know if they have any suggestions of events or activities that you would like to see in school.

Our Safeguarding, Behaviour, Complaints and other policies are available on our school website